

REMARKS

By the present Preliminary Amendment the title has been set forth so that it is consistent with that set forth on the application and the executed documents, the specification has been amended to incorporate the Article 34 amendments made during the international stage, the abstract has been revised so that it is in line with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.72(b) and MPEP §608.01(b) and original claims 1-5 have been replaced with new claims 6-21. The new claims implement revisions which are consistent with those made in the specification, eliminate the multiple dependency of the original claims and add further new claims that are consistent with the original multiple dependent claims. It is to be understood that the revisions to the claims with regard to multiple dependency are solely for formalistic purposes and not with regard to patentability.

Entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment and favorable consideration on the merits are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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